Pre-School Swim Lessons FAQ's

Q. What are the ages of the children in this class?

A. This class is open to children 3-5 years old. If a three old can follow directions independently, he/she should register for this class.

Q. Do I get in the water with my child?

A. No. The participants are divided into small groups to work with an instructor.

Q. Do parents get to watch the child's lesson?

A. No. We have found that children are less distracted and focus more on instruction when placed in small groups with an instructor. We understand this may be difficult on the parents, but we ask that you stay in the designated seating areas. We reserve the last day of class as a parent observation day. On this day, we encourage you to bring a camera and sit or stand pool-side to support your child and see the new skills they have acquired.

Q. What should my child wear?

A. We ask that all participants are dressed in a swim suit. Non-potty trained children should also wear a REUSABLE swim diaper (preferably two) under their swim suit. These swim diapers are washable and cinch tightly at the waist and leg openings preventing leaks into the pool water. You may purchase them at most stores.

Q. What should my child bring to class?

A. Please arrive with sunscreen applied, or arrive early enough to apply prior to entering the water. A towel and goggles, if needed, are all that is required.

Q. How are participants grouped?

A. Participants are grouped by their ability. Participant ability is evaluated on the first, and sometimes second, day of class. If your child changes instructors, it is because we have placed him/her in a better suited group.

Q. Does each session teach the same skills?

A. Yes. However, as your child gains confidence, new skills will be introduced so advancement continues.

Q. Will my child be dunked underwater?

A. No. Our instructors are taught how to correctly submerge a child using verbal and physical cues, ensuring a positive experience.

Q. How will I know what my child is working on if I can't see his/her class?

A. We strongly encourage our instructors to communicate with you, the parent. We understand you may not be able to see your child's class from the designated seating areas and therefore don't see the step-by-step progress your child might be making. Talk with the instructor before or after the class. Ask your child questions. Our Coordinator is on-site daily and can assist with this information as well.

We do not offer make-up classes. Due to the nature of the learning environment, we find it disruptive to have children in and out of new groups and with different instructors, as well as its impact on our teacher-to-student ratio.

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